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SUBJECT: LAOS--DECLINING LAO ARMY MORALE

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ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THERE IS A SERIOUS UNDERCURRENT OF DISGRUNTLEMENT THROUGHOUT THE LAO ARMY. MILITARY MORALE REPORTEDLY IS APPROACHING AN ALL-TIME LOW AS A RESULT OF VACILLATING LEADERSHIP, UNCERTAINTY OVER THE FUTURE, AND GROWING INFLATION. [redacted] MILITARY FORCE REDUCTIONS HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SENSE OF MALAISE.

THE MORALE SITUATION IS ESPECIALLY BAD IN MILITARY REGION II IN NORTHERN LAOS. THE REGIONAL COMMANDER, GENERAL VANG PAO, HAS STATED THAT HIS EFFORTS OVER THE PAST MONTH OR SO TO DEMOBILIZE SOME

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OF HIS HUONG IRREGULAR FORCES HAVE CAUSED CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT AND LED TO SOME SERIOUS EVENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, VANG PAO SAID THAT HE HAS RECEIVED VERBAL AND WRITTEN THREATS AND THAT ON APRIL 13 HE AND HIS FAMILY WERE THE TARGET OF A GRENADE INCIDENT. THE HUONG LEADER ALSO REPORTED THAT SOME OF HIS DISAFFECTED OFFICERS APPARENTLY HAVE TURNED TO BANDITRY. IN ADDITION, HE SAID THAT AMERICANS ARE BEING BLAMED INCREASINGLY FOR THE PRESENT SITUATION. ACCORDING TO VANG PAO, ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENTS HAVE REACHED THE POINT WHERE HE HAS WARNED US OFFICIALS [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] NOT TO TRAVEL ALONE IN VEHICLES. [redacted] 25X1

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